

sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

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72. A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

73. A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.

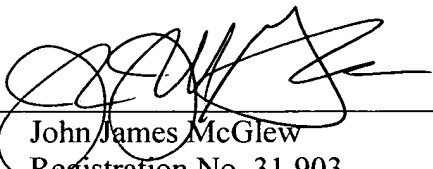
REMARKS

Claims 34 through 73 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has revised claims 34 through 55 to clarify the claimed subject matter. Further, claims 56 through 73 have been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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